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RAILWAYS EDITION





## **Railways (Offensive Goods) Rules, 1990**

Exercising the powers under section 87(2)(b) of the Railways Act, 1989 and section 22 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, the Central Government has made the following rules:-

### **1. Short title and commencement.-**

- (1) These rules are the Railways (Offensive Goods) Rules, 1990.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of commencement of the Railways Act, 1989.

### **2. Carriage of offensive goods.-**

- (1) To carry the offensive goods mentioned in rule 6 on a railway, a person must comply with the procedure laid down in section 67 of the Railways Act, 1989. This procedure is explained below.
- (2) To carry offensive goods on a railway, a person must:
  - (a) give a notice in writing of their offensive nature to the railway servant authorised in this behalf, and
  - (b) clearly mark that the goods are offensive on the outside of the package inside which the goods are contained.

### **3. Powers of a railway servant when the procedure is not complied with.-**

- (1) If a railway servant has reason to believe that goods contained in a package are offensive goods, and the required notice under rule 2 has not been given, he may open the package to ascertain its contents.
- (2) If the procedure laid down under section 67 or rule 2 is not complied with, the railway servant may:
  - (a) refuse to accept any offensive goods for carriage, and
  - (b) stop such goods in transit or remove the goods from the train.

### **4. Conflict between these Rules and the Indian Explosives Act, 1884.-**

If there is any conflict between these Rules and the Indian Explosives Act, 1884 (4 of 1884), then the latter will prevail.



## 5. Goods to which these Rules do not apply.-

This rule does not apply to:

- (a) any goods being carried under the order of or on behalf of the Government
- (b) any goods which a soldier, sailor, airman or any other officer of the armed forces of the Union or a police officer or a member of the Territorial Army or of the National Cadet Corps may take with them in the course of their employment or duty.

**6. Offensive goods.-** For the purposes of these Rules, the following are offensive goods:

- (1) dried blood
- (2) corpses
- (3) animal carcasses
- (4) bones which have not been bleached and cleaned
- (5) municipal or street sweepings or waste
- (6) non-chemical manures of any kind, including mycelium
- (7) rags, but not oily rags
- (8) any decayed animal or vegetable matter
- (9) human ashes
- (10) human skeletons and human body parts.